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1. DRAFT PAPER TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL IS AN EXCELLENT, CONCISE SUMMARY ON THE DRUG SITUATION IN FRANCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING MINOR ADDITIONS AND SUBTRACTIONS.

2. OMIT LAST SENTENCE OF FIRST FULL PARAGRAPH ("THERE IS STILL A TRICKLE OF WHITE HEROIN COMING FROM MARSEILLE, BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE OLD STOCK RATHER THAN NEW PRODUCTION".) THE IDEA WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER SECOND PARAGRAPH (SEE BELOW).

3. OMIT SECOND HALF OF LAST SENTENCE OF SECOND PARAGRAPH ("EFFORTS CURRENTLY FOCUS ON CONTROL OF HEROIN ORIGINATING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AS WELL AS HASHISH ARRIVING FROM NORTH AFRICA") AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:
-- "EFFORTS CURRENTLY FOCUS ON MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF LABORATORY OPERATORS AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS WHO HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PRISON AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO REESTABLISH A HEROIN-PRODUCING
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CAPABILITY. EARLY IN 1978 AN OPERATING HEROIN LABORATORY WAS SEIZED NEAR MARSEILLE.

FRANCE REMAINS AN IMPORTANT TRANSIT AREA FOR SOUTH EAST ASIAN HEROIN EN ROUTE TO AMSTERDAM, AND NUMEROUS SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES HAVE BEEN MADE. COCAINE SMUGGLED FROM SOUTH AMERICA ALSO TRANSITS FRANCE IN INCREASING QUANTITIES EN ROUTE TO ITALY, SYRIA, THE UK AND THE

US. THE TRAFFIC OF HASHISH TO FRANCE IS INCREASING NOT ONLY FROM THE TRADITIONAL AREAS OF MOROCCO AND LEBANON BUT ALSO FROM WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES."

4. ADD TO PARAGRAPH THREE THAT THE FRENCH ALSO HAVE LIAISON PERSONNEL AT DEA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK "AND BANGKOK."

5. ADD THE FOLLOWING BEFORE THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE SAME PARAGRAPH THREE:

"FRANCE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE OF PRESIDENT POMPIDOU TO COORDINATE EUROPEAN (EC PLUS SWEDEN) DRUG ABUSE EFFORTS. THE FRENCH POLICE ARE ALSO ACTIVE IN REGIONAL POLICE CONFERENCES, SUCH AS THE FRG'S PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON NARCOTICS WHICH MEETS SEMI-ANNUALLY."

6. ADD FOLLOWING SEPARATE PARAGRAPH BEFORE PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION:

"IN 1977 PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING APPOINTED AN EMINENT LAWYER KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE FAMILY WELFARE AREA, MRS. MONIQUE PELLETIER, TO HEAD A STUDY ON DRUG ABUSE IN FRANCE. THE US GOVERNMENT ASSISTED THE RESEARCH STAFF IN PROVIDING BACKGROUND ON US PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD. THE FINAL REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 1978. AS A RESULT, AN INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE UNDER MRS. UNCLASSIFIED

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PELLETIER'S DIRECTION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP AND COORDINATE A UNIFORM DRUG POLICY."

7. OMIT OMINOUS REFERENCE IN LAST PARAGRAPH TO "CERTAIN EQUIPMENT" MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FRENCH. HARTMAN

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